

PETIT CHABLIS 2023

The steep and rocky slopes stretching to the right and left of the Serein are the cradle of a history over one hundred and fifty million years old. A unique Kimmeridgian terroir, an alternation of marl and marly limestone, endows Chablis wines with a mineral character and immense freshness. A typicity that is envied, often imitated but never equalled. As incomparable and admirable as it may be, a terroir can only fully reveal its potential through the work of people. At Domaine William Fèvre, everything is done, regardless of the level of appellation, to express the authenticity of the Chablis terroirs.

■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

Appellation: AOC Petit Chablis, Bourgogne, Chablis, France

The Petit Chablis appellation allows for a first step into the world of great Chablis wines. The subsoil, Portlandian, is somewhat different from the other Chablis appellations. However, it retains the Chablisien style with great and beautiful freshness on the palate.

Terroir: The soils of the vineyard are a mix of pebbles and hard limestones with a clayey-silty material.

■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2023 vintage was characterized by a mild and dry winter, followed by frosts in April, with no major impact on the vines. After a hot and dry month of May, storms in June led to a high but well-managed health pressure by the estate's teams. During the summer, alternating heat and rainfall accelerated the ripening of the grapes despite a veraison slowed by the lack of water in August. The harvest, which began in early September under high temperatures, yielded generous volumes with excellent health conditions.

■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

Application of the principle of gravity to avoid any pumping, which could alter the quality of the wine. Short pneumatic pressing (1.5 to 2 hours) for a gentle separation between the solid and liquid parts of the grapes. Very light static racking to retain enough fine lees for the alcoholic and malolactic fermentations to occur naturally. Aging for 8 to 10 months in small stainless steel tanks to maintain freshness.

■ TASTING NOTES

The bouquet is distinguished by great freshness, revealing fruity, floral, and mineral notes. A light and lively wine.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: Chardonnay 100%

